

SENATE JUDICIARY

Exhibit No. 11  
Date: 2/16/15  
Bill No. SB262

LAKE LAND COMPANY, LAKE FAMILY FARM  
DAVID LAKE, DANIEL LAKE, PATRICK LAKE, TIMOTHY LAKE  
35822 SPRING CREEK RD.  
RONAN, MT. 59864  
FEBRUARY 13, 2015

RE: SB262 SUPPORT

HONORABLE SENATORS:

WE ARE A THIRD GENERATION FARM OPERATION LOCATED IN THE MISSION VALLEY NEAR POLSON AND RONAN. OUR GRANDPARENTS HOMESTEADED HERE IN THE 1930'S. THEY RAISED FIVE CHILDREN. OUR FATHER DON, AND HIS BROTHER LEROY FARMED TOGETHER FOR FORTY YEARS. IN THE EARLY 1980'S THE FOUR OF US, DAN, DAVID, PAT AND TIM STARTED FARMING TOGETHER. WE ARE ALL COLLEGE GRADUATES AND OWN AND OPERATE A 2700 ACRE SEED POTATO, WHEAT, BARLEY AND OAT OPERATION.

WATER IS IMPORTANT TO US. RISK IS AN INHERENT PART OF WHAT WE DO. WE ARE SUPPORTING THE WATER COMPACT BECAUSE WE FEEL IT IS THE BEST WAY TO MOVE FORWARD AND AVOID COSTLY LITIGATION. THE COMPACT AS WRITTEN GIVES US REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE OUR 2000 ACRES OF IRRIGATED FARM GROUND.

WE HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED OURSELVES GOOD NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS. WE HAVE LIVED AND WORKED HERE ALL OUR LIVES. THIS VALLEY IS HOME. IT IS PART OF WHO WE ARE.

WE SUPPORT SB262

THANK YOU.

DAVID LAKE

DAN LAKE

PAT LAKE

TIM LAKE

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